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Mercantile Summary.

THE annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange was held on the 18th inst., when Nicholas Bawlf was elected president.

MESSRS. HUMPHREY & TRITES, of Petitcodiac, N.B., are compromising at 40 cents on the dollar. They pay 25 cents cash and get time for the remainder.

THE proprietary of the Birmingham *Hardware Trade Journal*, one of the most valued of our English exchanges, has changed, and the journal is now published at 1 Creed Lane, Ludgate Hill, London. We gather that the editorship also is changed.

THE dry goods stock, amounting to about \$10,000, of Cohen & Co., who left Chatham for the United States a few weeks ago, has been sold to Scott & Flater at 77 per cent. Creditors will receive almost at once a dividend of 25 per cent. on account of their claims.

MR. G. S. WILSON, for many years partner and manager of J. C. Wilson & Co., and Mr. G. A. Mace, for some years manager of the paper box department, have started business in Montreal on their own account under the style of Mace, Wilson & Co., paper box makers.

THE arbitration for the expropriation of the Cornwall Water Works Company's system and plant by the corporation of that town is resumed this week. The arbitrators are John Kennedy, harbor engineer, of Montreal, for the town; Judge Carman, of Cornwall, for the company, and Judge McDougall, of Toronto, appointed by the County Judge.

THE annual meeting of the Iron Founders' Association of Montreal was held on January 14th. There were present Messrs. H. R. Ives, W. Laurie, Wm. Greig, J. H. Garth, Jos. Amessee and Wm. Rodden. The following officers were elected for 1897: W. Laurie, president; Jos. Amessee, 1st vice-president; W. Davis, 2nd vice-president; H. R. Ives, hon. treasurer; Wm. Greig, secretary; Geo. H. Weaver, secretary-treasurer.

WE note the assignment of A. R. McKay, of River John, N.S., who succeeded to the general store business of his father, who failed four years ago.—Robertson & Co., grocers in a retail way in St. John, N.B., have assigned. They suspended payment several weeks ago and met their creditors some days ago, showing liabilities of about \$5,000 and assets of \$3,500. An offer of 25 cents in the dollar was made and declined.

IN April, 1895, Geo. H. Reid became tired of acting as a shop clerk, and opened a grocery in Parry Sound, with, according to his own statement, a capital of \$2,300 cash. He was reported as doing a fair trade until last autumn. Now it is said that his stock was mortgaged; at any rate the store is closed by the mortgagee. —Tate & Lauder opened a butcher shop last July, in Sault Ste. Marie, but in a few months they got behind in their payments and mortgaged their stock. Now we hear of their assignment.

IT has been known for some time that the Globe Woolen Mills Co., Montreal, were in difficulties; it was not thought that their liabilities would reach \$200,000, the deficit aggregating \$72,000. A compromise of fifty cents on the dollar is offered, payable in four month notes from January 1. With the exception of one or two Old Country creditors, all have agreed to the compromise. The company is an old established one and has been looked upon as a very sound institution, having some wealthy stock holders on its list.

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